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more needed. He hoped that a year hence he would be able to make a satisfactory report.

Ex-Warden Banting expressed his satisfaction at being again invited to a seat on the dais. He was always glad to meet his old associates, and wished them all the compliments of the season.

Moved by Councillor Evans,

Seconded by Councillor Bowerman, and ordered,

That the County Clerk be instructed to acknowledge the kind letter of His Honour Judge Harvie, in which he expresses his thanks for the invitation to join the Warden and members of Council on their visit to the Royal Winter Fair, and to assure him that he is always welcome at any gathering of the Council and that his suggestions and comments to the Council are always gratefully received and respectfully considered.

Moved by Councillor Benson,

Seconded by Councillor Johnston, and ordered,

That the account of the Sick Children's Hospital, for 31 days maintenance of Murray Golden, be paid at the rate of \$2.25 per day, on condition that the Department of Veterans Affairs refund the amount paid by the County.

Councillor Patterson stated he had a pleasant duty to perform, and presented Mrs. Flora Downard, stenographer in the County Treasurer's office, who was recently married, with a writing desk and lamp.

Mrs. Downard graciously thanked the Warden and members of the Council for the very beautiful present, and said she always enjoyed working for the County and that was why she was still here.

Councillor Patterson expressed the thanks of the Council to the Warden for the courteous and efficient manner in which he had presided over the Sessions of the Council during his term of office.

The Warden thanked the Council for their kindnesses and loyalty to him during the year, and trusted that in some small way he had satisfied their expectations.

Moved by Councillor Patterson,

Seconded by Councillor Benson, and ordered,

That the Council now adjourn sine die; Happy to meet, sorry to part and happy to meet again!

J. Simpson
.....
Clerk, County of Simcoe

L. W. Middleton
.....
Warden, County of Simcoe

MINUTES
OF THE JANUARY SESSION, 1948, OF THE
MUNICIPAL COUNCIL OF THE
COUNTY OF SIMCOE

FIRST DAY

Council Chamber, Barrie,
January 19th, 1948.

The Council met pursuant to statute and by-law of the County Council.

The following members, having filed their Certificates of Election and Declarations of Office with the County Clerk, took their seats at the Council Board for 1948:

ADJALA Twp. - Jos. K. Parker, Reeve; Mono Mills.

ALLISTON Town - W. J. Cunningham, Reeve, Alliston.

BARRIE Town - Geo. W. Clark, Reeve, Barrie; Jas. Hart, Deputy-Reeve, Barrie.

BEETON Village - W. Lloyd Lilly, Reeve, Beeton.

BRADFORD Village - Chas. T. S. Evans, Reeve, Bradford.

COLDWATER Village - Ernest G. Miller, Reeve, Coldwater.

COLLINGWOOD Town - Norman W. Bush, Reeve, Collingwood; John C. Allison, Deputy-Reeve, Collingwood.

CREEMORE Village - Geo. H. Shepherd, Reeve, Creemore.

ESSA Twp. - Louis E. Truax, Reeve, R.R.#1 Angus; W. J. Wood, Deputy-Reeve, Alliston.

FLOS Twp. - G. Walter Middleton, Reeve, R.R.#1 Elmvale; Wm. Maw, Deputy-Reeve, Minesing.

INNISFIL Twp. - Clifford Lockhart, Reeve, R.R.#5 Barrie; Robt. Eldridge, Deputy-Reeve, Cookstown.

MATCHEDASH Twp. - Noble Lovering, Reeve, R.R.#1 Coldwater, Ont.

MEDONTE Twp. - Boyd Miller, Reeve, R.R.#1 Hillsdale; Fisher Ganton, Deputy-Reeve, Hillsdale.

MIDLAND Town - W. H. Taylor, Reeve, Midland; Alex McIntosh, Deputy-Reeve, Midland.

NOTTAWASAGA Twp. - Jas. Patton, Reeve, R.R.#3 Creemore; Fred Vancise, Deputy-Reeve, R.R.#4 Stayner.

ORILLIA Town - Hugh Johnston, Reeve, Orillia; A. H. Tudhope, Deputy-Reeve, Orillia.

ORILLIA Twp. - Wm. C. Gowanlock, Reeve, R.R.#4 Orillia; Wilbur Reed, Deputy-Reeve, R.R.#3 Orillia.

ORO Twp. - John A. Woodrow, Reeve, R.R.#2 Oro Station; Smith Campbell, Deputy-Reeve, Oro Station.

PENETANG Town - W. R. Benson, Reeve, Penetang; Thos. Morris, Deputy-Reeve, Penetang.

PORT McNICOLL Village - Geo. Patterson, Reeve, Port McNicoll.

STAYNER Town - Clarence Wood, Reeve, Stayner.

SUNNIDALE Twp. - C. E. Lawrence, R.R.#1 New Lowell; Jas. C. Buis, Deputy-Reeve, R.R.#3 Stayner.

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TAY Twp. - Geo. Widdis, Reeve, R.R.#1 Midland; Fred Kinnear, Deputy-Reeve, R.R.#1 Coldwater.

TECUMSETH Twp. - Fred E. Hunter, Reeve, R.R.#3 Tottenham; Leonard Ransom, Deputy-Reeve, R.R.#2 Tottenham.

TINY Twp. - Arthur Downer, Reeve, R.R.#2 Midland; Montcalm Maurice, Deputy-Reeve, R.R.#2 Penetang.

TOSSORONTIO Twp. - M. Van Loree, Reeve, Lisle.

TOTTENHAM Village - J. H. Percy, Reeve, Tottenham.

VESPRA Twp. - Earl Richardson, Reeve, R.R.#2 Minesing; Roy N. Hickling, Deputy-Reeve, R.R.#2 Barrie.

VICTORIA HARBOUR Village - Bruce Eplatt, Reeve, Victoria Harbour.

W. GWILLIMBURY Twp. - Victor B. Turner, Reeve, Bradford.

WASAGA BEACH IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT - E. H. Brokenshire, Chairman, R.R.#2 Elmvale.

The Clerk called the Council to order and welcomed the members to the January Session.

He stated there were twenty changes in the membership of the Council from 1947, an unusually large number, and only two of the twenty had previous County Council experience; they were Councillor: Cunningham, Reeve of Alliston, and Councillor Hickling, Deputy-Reeve of Vespra.

Since the November Session Ex-Warden E. J. Lambert of Stayner, who was Warden in 1928, had passed on. He first came to County Council in 1920, and was Reeve for eight years before being elected Warden. He was always interested in the municipal affairs of the County, and was an able representative of the Town of Stayner.

The Clerk advised that according to certificates he had received from the local clerks regarding the number of municipal voters on their respective voters lists, under Section 51, sub-section (2) (4), of The Municipal Act, the Reeves and Deputy-Reeves of the Towns of Barrie and Orillia and the Township of Innisfil are entitled to two votes each when voting in County Council, and the Reeves only of the Towns of Collingwood and Midland and the Townships of Nottawasaga, Orillia and Tiny are entitled to two votes; all other members of the Council are entitled to one vote each. In the event of a tie vote for Warden, the reeve of the municipality with the largest equalized assessment had the casting or deciding vote, and according to the 1947 equalized assessment the Town of Barrie had the largest assessment in the County. For some years previously the Town of Orillia had the largest assessment.

The Clerk then stated that according to the Rules and Regulations of the Council, ten minutes was allowed for the nomination of members for the position of Warden. He appointed Councillors Patterson and E. Miller to act as scrutineers, and declared nominations open for the position of Warden for 1948.

Moved by Councillor E. Miller,

Seconded by Councillor Reed,

That Councillor Gowanlock be Warden for 1948.

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Moved by Councillor Lockhart,

Seconded by Councillor Bush,

That Councillor Clark be Warden for 1948.

Moved by Councillor Allison,

Seconded by Councillor Widdis,

That Councillor Bush be Warden for 1948.

Moved by Councillor Patton,

Seconded by Councillor Lawrence,

That Councillor Shepherd be Warden for 1948.

Moved by Councillor Richardson,

Seconded by Councillor Maw,

That Councillor Middleton be Warden for 1948.

Moved by Councillor Turner,

Seconded by Councillor Hunter,

That Councillor Evans be Warden for 1948.

Moved by Councillor Downer,

Seconded by Councillor Gowanlock,

That Councillor Benson be Warden for 1948.

The Clerk then declared the nominations closed, and all the nominees, with the consent of their movers and seconders, having withdrawn, with the exception of Councillors Clark, Evans and Middleton, the Clerk proceeded to take the vote with the following result:

FOR COUNCILLOR CLARK:- Councillors Allison, Bush (2), Clark (2), Hart (2), Lockhart (2), Lovering and E. Miller--11.

FOR COUNCILLOR EVANS:- Councillors Brokenshire, Campbell, Eldridge (2), Evans, Hunter, Lilly, Maurice, Morris, Parker, Percy, Ransom, Shepherd, Tudhope (2) and Turner--16.

FOR COUNCILLOR MIDDLETON:- Councillors Benson, Bule, Cunningham, Downer (2), Eplatt, Ganton, Gowanlock (2), Hickling, Johnston (2), Kinnear, Lawrence, Loree, McIntosh, Maw, Middleton, B. Miller, Patterson, Patton (2), Reed, Richardson, Taylor (2), Truax, Vanceise, Widdis, C. Wood, W. Wood and Woodrow--32.

Councillor Middleton, having received a majority of the votes of the members, the Clerk declared him duly elected Warden of the County of Simcoe for the year 1948.

Councillor Middleton was escorted to the dais by his mover and seconder, where His Honour Judge Harvie held special court to administer the Declaration of Office to the Warden elect. Judge Harvie said it was an honour to administer the declaration to Warden Middleton as since he had been appointed Judge of the County he had had

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considerable experience and association with him and had always found him a man of zeal and a dignified gentleman, and he was satisfied he would make an excellent Warden.

The Warden then subscribed to the declaration and donned the robes of office.

Judge Harvie, in addressing the Council, stated that at this time each year he had some matters he wished to discuss with the Council. He referred to the sittings of the Supreme Court which were being held at the Court House this week, and on Wednesday Judge Robb would preside at a Rentals Court and it would have to be held in the small Court Room adjoining his private office. He requested the County Property Committee, when they were appointed, to meet him with a view to having a modest witness box erected in the outer office, as it was a necessity at the present time on account of the increased pressure of litigation.

He stated that the Audit Board appointed by the Council a year ago, and composed of Councillor Clark and J. R. Coleman, had worked very satisfactorily as they were both convenient and could be called on short notice; the Assistant Treasurer was familiar with some of the accounts before they were considered by the Board.

He wished to draw the question of assessment and equalization to the attention of the members of the County Council, and referred to the great discrimination he found in the assessors' values in many municipalities; he suggested and advised that all the local assessors consult and work with the County Assessor who, in his opinion, was giving satisfaction in having assessments equalized. He referred to a case in Midland where the local assessor had increased the land value on some 19 properties in one block from \$20.00 to \$40.00 per foot; the Court of Revision had left some of the lots at that value and had reduced others adjoining to \$20.00 per foot. He trusted that his judgment in this case would be satisfactory to all concerned. He urged the members of the Council to support their assessors and endeavour to make all the ratepayers conscious of valuations.

The newly elected Warden thanked the members for their support in electing him Warden for this year. He first came to County Council in 1938, the year Councillor Patterson was Warden, and to-day he and Councillor Patterson were the only two members left of the 1938 Council. He welcomed all the new members and trusted they would find the work of the Council congenial. He then called on two members of the Ministerial Association to open the proceedings of the Session.

Adjutant Strachan, Secretary of the Barrie Ministerial Association, read a portion of scripture and led in prayer.

Rev. W. R. Clement, Minesing, President of the Association, congratulated the Warden on his election and extended the greetings and good wishes of the Association to the Council. He stated that in his work as a clergyman he was quite familiar with the

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whole County, having preached in most of the townships. He spoke of democracy, and in his opinion the County Council was a working arm of our democratic way of life, and the purpose and end of all county councils, provincial and federal governments should be the welfare of man; he stated true democracy was founded on the Bible.

Moved by Councillor Hunter,

Seconded by Councillor Benson, and ordered,

That the thanks of this Council be extended to His Honour Judge Harvie for administering the Declaration of Office to the Warden elect and for his appropriate address, and to Rev. W. R. Clement and Adjutant Strachan, representatives of the Barrie Ministerial Association, for their timely remarks and attendance here in opening the proceedings of this Session of the County Council.

The Warden then appointed Councillor Evans and the Reeves of all the other municipalities as a Striking Committee to name the Standing Committees for the year.

The Council adjourned for 30 minutes to enable the Striking Committee to bring in it's report.

The Council resumed as per adjournment.

REPORT NO. 1 -- of the STRIKING Committee was presented and read.

Moved by Councillor Patterson,

Seconded by Councillor Benson, and ordered,

That the Report now read be adopted.

It was suggested by some of the members that copies of the Report naming the members of the Standing Committees be made available for the members. The Clerk suggested that if it was the wish of the Council a copy would be prepared for each member for to-morrow's session. This met with their approval, and there was considerable discussion on the question of having all reports of the Standing Committees mimeographed and placed on the members' desks before presentation for adoption by the Council, and the following resolution was introduced and adopted.

Moved by Councillor Richardson,

Seconded by Councillor Widdis,

That the Reports of the Standing Committees be mimeographed and placed on the members' desks before they are presented to the Council for approval.

The Clerk advised the Council that the Barrie Branch of the Canadian Legion had invited some of the older members of the Council to a meeting at their Legion Hall on Owen Street at 8:30 to-night; it was the opinion of the Council that if the Legion wished to discuss any business with the Council they should attend a Council meeting. Councillor Lockhart, who is a member of the Legion, was requested to advise the Legion

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that the Council would be pleased to hear a deputation on Thursday, Jan. 22nd, at 11 o'clock.

Ex-Wardens Harvey, Todd, Eplett and Stewart being in the chamber, the Warden invited them to seats on the dais.

Each in turn congratulated the Warden on his election and expressed the hope that the Council would have a satisfactory year.

Ex-Warden Harvey intimated that he would speak to the Council later during the week on some matters pertaining to the Simcoe County Home, from information he had obtained through being a member of the Board of Management.

Ex-Warden Todd expressed his thanks to the Council for the resolution of sympathy from the Council at the time of the November Session, when he was confined to bed through illness; it was very much appreciated.

Ex-Warden Stewart expressed his pleasure at meeting so many new members, with some of whom he had had previous acquaintance, and also of renewing acquaintance with the members of last year's Council. There was a fellowship in County Council that transcends most things, and the fellowships so made always continue.

Ex-Warden Eplett recalled pleasant memories of when he was Warden of the County 25 years ago. Many men from the County had gained prominence in the business, professional and political world.

Moved by Councillor Lawrence,

Seconded by Councillor Reed, and ordered,

That the Council adjourn until 10 A.M. on Tuesday.

J. Simpson
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Clerk, County of Simcoe

George Walter Middleton
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Warden, County of Simcoe

SECOND DAY

Council Chamber, Barrie,
January 20th, 1948.

The Council met pursuant to adjournment at yesterday's session.

The Warden in the chair.

All the members were present

The minutes of Monday's session were read and adopted.

The Warden presented the following communications and accounts, and they were referred to their respective committees:

Replies from the office of the Attorney-General for Ontario and various county councils in the Province to the resolution of the Council in connection with changing the dates of the sittings of the County and Supreme Courts in June and December.

Resolution from the Council of Lanark County, regarding the shortage of feed grains for livestock.

Communication from the Ontario Agricultural Council, giving notice of the Annual Meeting on Feb. 11 and 12, 1948, and requesting the annual membership fee.

Annual Reports from the County Weed Inspectors, C. D. Raikes and J. H. Dunn.

Request from the Secretary of the Association of Assessing Officers of Ontario for the annual membership fee.

Letter from Mrs. C. V. McLean, Alliston, regarding payment of the tuition fees for her daughter attending the Canada Business College, Toronto.

Communication from the Secretary of the County Council Section of the O.E.A., regarding appointing delegates to attend the Annual Convention and forwarding the annual membership fee of \$15.00.

Requests for grants from the following organizations:-

- The Navy League of Canada,
- The Public Relations Department of the Salvation Army,
- The United Polish Relief Fund of Canada,
- The Canadian National Institute for the Blind,
- The Simcoe County Women's Institute and the District Branches of Centre, West, East and South Simcoe.

Resolution from the Council of Oxford County, regarding a method of levying costs for the maintenance of hospitals.

Resolution from Elgin County Council, requesting legislation to provide for the Department paying a portion of the premium on Compensation Insurance for gaol officials and employees of the Provincial Government.

Replies from counties regarding taxes added to the Collector's Roll, pursuant to 57a of The Assessment Act.

Accounts from the following Training Schools for the maintenance of wards:-

Ontario Training School for Boys, Bowmanville	\$162.00
Ontario Training School for Girls, Cobourg	85.00
St. Mary's Training School, Downsview	46.00
St. John's Training School, 127 Park Ave., Toronto	170.50

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Letter from the Deputy Minister of Health, regarding increased accommodation for those suffering from conditions known to be incurable.

Report of the Annual Meeting of the Blue Water Highway Association held at Forest, Ontario, on Nov. 28, 1947, and requesting the annual membership fee of \$200.00.

Communication from the Home for Incurable Children, Toronto, regarding the statutory per diem rate for maintenance.

Communication from the Council of Halton County, requesting legislation for the treatment of sex perverts.

Communication from the Council of the Town of Port Colborne, requesting the Dominion Government to reimpose controls and subsidies.

Notice of the Annual Meeting of the Ontario Good Roads Association on Feb. 24 and 25, 1948, and requesting the annual membership fee of \$15.00.

Copy of by-law for County Road appropriation from J. A. P. Marshall, Chief Municipal Engineer.

Resolution from the Council of Grey County, regarding an amendment to The Highway Traffic Act.

Notices of accidents on the County Roads from the following persons:-
Christina Rowat, Elmvale,
Cecil Wilkinson, Alliston.

Communication from W. H. Porter, London, Ontario, Secretary of the Ontario Conservation and Reforestation Association, requesting the annual membership fee of \$25.00.

Statement from the Town of Orillia of the amount of refund from the Public Health Service levy.

Communication from the Secretary of the Association of Managers of Homes for the Aged and Infirm, suggesting that delegates be appointed to the Annual Convention and that the annual membership fee be forwarded.

Communication from T. J. Mahony, Secretary of the Ontario Good Roads Association, regarding restricted hours for the sale of gasoline in certain sections.

Resignation of A. M. Tudhope, Ex-Reeve of Oro, as a member of the County Road Committee.

The Warden announced that Misses Audrey Gray, County Librarian, Margaret Mac Lachlan, Senior Public Health Nurse, and Louise Colley, County Recreational Director, were present and would present their Annual Reports. After the Reports were read the Warden thanked each for her valuable service and for the information contained in these Reports.

S. L. Page spoke for the retiring Library Board and thanked the Council for their continued and increased support, which made it possible for the work of the Library to expand considerably. He referred particularly to the extra amount of reading done by

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the residents of the rural areas, and stated that increased knowledge was a great step towards improving agricultural methods.

Grant K. Mayor, Mayor of Barrie, being in the Chamber, the Warden invited him to a seat on the dais. Mr. Mayor congratulated the Warden on his election and welcomed the members of the Council to the Town of Barrie, and extended to them its freedom. He suggested some improvements in the administration of the Simcoe County Home by way of securing the permanent service of a graduate nurse. He invited the members to a hockey match at the Barrie Arena on Wednesday evening as guests of the Town; the Reeve and Deputy-Reeve of Barrie would see that tickets were provided.

Ex-Warden Barr was then invited to a seat on the dais. In addressing the Council he said it was always a pleasure for him to come back and renew acquaintance with his old associates and to meet the new members. He enjoyed the years he was a member of County Council, and trusted the present Council would continue to administer the affairs of the County in the best interest of all the residents.

Moved by Councillor Evans,

Seconded by Councillor Bush, and ordered,

That the Education Committee consider the matter of making appointments to the Simcoe County Co-operative Library Board.

Moved by Councillor Hunter,

Seconded by Councillor Truax, and ordered,

That the Finance Committee consider the advisability of making a grant of \$2,000 to the County Library Co-operative.

Moved by Councillor Hunter,

Seconded by Councillor Ransom, and ordered,

That the Education Committee name the centres for holding the High School Entrance Examinations in 1948.

Moved by Councillor Hunter,

Seconded by Councillor B. Miller, and ordered,

That the Education Committee consider making a grant to the Trustees and Rate-payers Association.

Moved by Councillor Shepherd,

Seconded by Councillor Eplett, and ordered,

That the Finance Committee consider the advisability of giving a grant to the Canadian National Institute for the Blind.

Moved by Councillor Hunter,

Seconded by Councillor Downer, and ordered,

That the Education Committee appoint a Consultative Committee to deal with High School Districts in 1948.

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Moved by Councillor W. J. Wood,

Seconded by Councillor Hickling, and ordered,

That the Finance Committee consider giving a grant to the Recreational Committee.

Moved by Councillor Truax,

Seconded by Councillor Percy, and ordered,

That the Education Committee appoint a committee to make arrangements for the holding of the annual Historical Scholarship Examination.

Moved by Councillor Hunter,

Seconded by Councillor Truax, and ordered,

That the Finance Committee consider making the usual grant to the Women's Institute of the County and the four branches thereof.

Moved by Councillor Hunter,

Seconded by Councillor Downer, and ordered,

That the Education Committee consider forwarding the annual membership fee of \$15.00 to the Ontario Educational Association and that they appoint a delegate to attend the Annual Convention.

Moved by Councillor Taylor,

Seconded by Councillor Allison, and ordered,

That the Council adjourn until 2 P.M.

AFTERNOON SESSION

The Council resumed as per adjournment.

The Warden in the chair.

The Warden informed the Council that Dr. Struthers of the Department of Health was in the Chamber and would address them on the question of a Public Health Unit.

Dr. Struthers said he had expected to be again invited to the County in this connection, as he was satisfied from his former visits that the Council was interested in health. He stated that the County was well thought of at the Department because there were several there from Simcoe County, and they did not miss any occasion to make it known that Simcoe was the best County in the Province.

In the last three years 19 full-time units had been established in Ontario. Many counties that had a Public Health Service felt the need of something better, and were asking for a full Health Unit. Although the local Boards of Health in most cases had done good work, the local officers were busy practitioners and were not able to give sufficient time to that work. When a Health Unit was established the doctors appointed would be full-time employees, and all classes of people in the communities, besides children, would benefit by the Unit. There was very little criticism from the counties that had set up Units, which showed that they were giving satisfaction and progress was

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being made. He stated that outlying districts especially were very appreciative of this service. He estimated that it would cost about \$1.15 per unit of population, and in this County a minimum staff would require three full-time doctors; he suggested that an item of \$2,000 be included in the estimates for ~~the salaries of~~ local practitioners in outlying districts, whose services might be required until a complete staff was secured. There would also be required a Supervising Nurse, two senior nurses, 17 Public Health Nurses, four or five Sanitary Inspectors, one of whom might be a Veterinary Surgeon with a special course in Public Health, who could inspect slaughter houses, restaurants, milk supply and other items. There had been some complaints from tourists that some of the resorts were not as sanitary as they might be, and required constant inspection. 90% of restaurant owners were quite ready to comply with improved regulations. A clerical staff of four or five would also be required, and as transportation was a considerable item in a large County like Simcoe he suggested that the Committee might establish two or three centres in the County, with the central office in the County Town, where the policy of the Unit would be determined.

He estimated that at the present time it might cost in the neighborhood of \$50,000, but against this would be the present cost of the local Boards of Health which, in his estimation, would amount to about \$20,000. Dr. Struthers suggested that July 1st would be a suitable time to commence the Unit, and a simple by-law could be prepared and passed and sent to the Department for approval. He also suggested that as a matter of courtesy the Local Boards should be notified of the date of commencement of the new Unit. It was found that small boards were as effective as larger ones, and he stated that a board of about five members would be satisfactory to administer the Unit; one of these members would be appointed by the Department and four by the County Council, but it was not necessary for them to be members of Council. In selecting members to the Board it was important to keep in mind that they should be continuous; the appointments might be made for three or four year terms, with perhaps one member retiring each year, and it was not necessary that all members of the Board be men.

There was a great demand for doctors and nurses for these Units, and as this County had decided at the November Session to establish a Unit he suggested that a by-law be passed at this Session.

Moved by Councillor Evans,

Seconded by Councillor Lawrence, and ordered,

That Councillor Turner be granted leave of absence to-day to attend a meeting of the Ontario Vegetable Growers Association.

Moved by Councillor Lockhart,

Seconded by Councillor Parker, and ordered,

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That a copy of the Rules and Regulations of the Council be placed on each member's desk.

Moved by Councillor E. Miller,

Seconded by Councillor Benson, and ordered,

That the Council go into Committee of the Whole to appoint three members to the County Road Committee.

The Council went into Committee of the Whole with Councillor Evans in the chair.

The Committee of the Whole arose and reported that they would recommend that Councillor Patton be appointed a member of the County Road Committee for a term of three years, that Councillor B. Miller be appointed for a term of two years and that Councillor Woodrow be appointed for one year.

Moved by Councillor Evans,

Seconded by Councillor Shepherd, and ordered,

That the Report of the Committee of the Whole be adopted, and that the necessary by-law be prepared to confirm the appointment.

Moved by Councillor Eylett,

Seconded by Councillor Shepherd, and ordered,

That the Council adjourn until 10 A.M. Wednesday.

J. Neupane
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Clerk, County of Simcoe

L. H. Middleton
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Warden, County of Simcoe

THIRD DAY

Council Chamber, Barrie,
January 21st, 1948.

The Council met pursuant to adjournment at yesterday afternoon's session.

The Warden in the chair.

All the members were present.

The minutes of yesterday's session were read and adopted.

The Warden presented the following communications:-

Resignation of Ex-Councillor T. A. Orton as a member of the County Road Committee.

Letter from the Ontario Association of Rural Municipalities, requesting the membership fee for 1948.

Letter from the Christian Social Council of Canada, with regard to legalizing sweepstakes in Canada.

The Warden advised the Council that there were a number of deputations who had requested to be heard this morning, and called on Harold Webb, Allandale, who was representing the Canadian National Institute for the Blind.

Mr. Webb gave an outline of the services of the Institute which were available to all persons afflicted with blindness. There were about 100 blind persons registered in the County of Simcoe, but some of these had received instruction and held important positions outside the County. The Council had been giving an annual grant to the Institute, and he requested a \$1,000 grant from the County for 1948.

The Warden thanked Mr. Webb for his address, and assured him that his request would receive careful consideration.

E. C. Drury reported on the progress of the committee appointed to prepare a History of the County of Simcoe. He said this history would not be a repetition of Hunter's very excellent History, but would deal more with the social and economic conditions of the County. The committee had made considerable progress in the compilation of material; he had asked the clerks of the townships and villages for information regarding their past history, and had also sent out a questionnaire, but up to the present had not received many replies. Mr. Drury requested the members of the Council, representing township municipalities, to urge on their clerks the importance of furnishing all the information possible that was asked for on the questionnaire. He stated that if they started to secure information regarding the early history they would find the work both interesting and entertaining. He hoped to have most of the material ready by mid summer.

The Warden thanked Mr. Drury for his report.

A deputation, representing the Public Hospitals in the County and composed of H. G. Robertson, Barrie, Mr. Foreman, Collingwood, Dr. Ives, Stayner, D. S. F. Cameron, Barrie, and Mr. Cassells, Orillia, appeared before the Council and reported on the crowded

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conditions of the hospitals due to the fact that in all the County hospitals there were a considerable number of incurable patients who, in their opinion, could be maintained in approved Nursing Homes, and in that way more hospital beds would be available for those who really require hospital treatment. They suggested that such approved Homes would be willing to take care of these patients for \$2.25 a day, which is the present Public Hospital rate. They further reported that at the present time none of the County hospitals were in a financial position to make enlargements to their hospitals, as the present estimated cost was from \$5,000 to \$9,000 per bed, which was practically prohibitive,

Mr. Foreman stated that the average cost per day for patients in the Collingwood Hospital was \$6.71. Mr. Cameron, Business Manager of the Barrie Hospital, stated that Nursing Homes would not accept chronic patients, who were old age pensioners, for the \$30.00 per month pension.

E. A. Jarrett, of the firm of Glendinning, Jarrett, Gray & Roberts, County Auditors, reported to the Council on the financial standing of the County. He stated that the Auditors Report in 1949 would be made on a new form, which was authorized by the Department of Municipal Affairs and would show more detail than the Report presented this year. He stated that at the present time the County had a surplus of \$228,000; in 1947 there was a surplus of \$18,000 in the General County Account, but there was an over-expenditure of \$6,000 in the Good Roads Account, and it was expected that half of this amount would be refunded by the Highways Department. At present there were no arrears of County Levies, which was altogether different from the situation a few years ago. The County was not guaranteeing any debentures at the present time, and the debentures it had previously guaranteed were being reduced every year. Mr. Jarrett reported that the County books were in good shape and were well kept.

The Warden thanked Mr. Jarrett for his address.

A deputation from the County Branch of the Federation of Agriculture, composed of Ray Loughheed and Hunter Russell, addressed the Council and reported on the work of their organization had been able to accomplish during the past year; they were satisfied they had given valuable assistance to farmers in the matter of marketing hogs and in many other ways. They thanked the Council for their support during the past years, and asked for another grant for 1948.

The Warden thanked the deputation for their report, and told them their request would be carefully considered.

A deputation, composed of Rev. H. R. Howden, and J. G. Currie, Barrie, Rev. B. Andrew and E. Cumberland, Alliston, Rev. R. McLaren, Penetang, Fred Cook, Bradford, and Daniel Coughlin of Wellington County, appeared before the Council with the request that they establish a Family Court in the County. Rev. Howden introduced the members of the deputation

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and read a brief, copies of which had been sent to the Council. Mr. Coughlin, who is probationary officer for the Family Court for the County of Wellington and the City of Guelph, mentioned many cases that had been dealt with by their Family Court which did not receive the publicity which is given in Magistrates' Courts and which had had splendid results. He strongly urged the setting up of a Family Court in Simcoe County, which he was sure would pay good dividends.

Moved by Councillor Lawrence,

Seconded by Councillor Parker, and ordered,

That the Agriculture Committee consider the advisability of giving the usual grant of \$100.00 to each Agricultural Society holding a Fair in 1948.

Moved by Councillor B. Miller,

Seconded by Councillor Ganton, and ordered,

That the Finance Committee consider the advisability of paying the several members of the Council the sum of \$4.00 for stationery and postage for 1948.

Moved by Councillor Hunter,

Seconded by Councillor Woodrow, and ordered,

That the Finance Committee consider the advisability of adjusting the salary of the County Engineer.

Moved by Councillor W. J. Wood,

Seconded by Councillor Hickling, and ordered,

That the Finance Committee consider giving a grant of \$1,500 to the Federation of Agriculture.

Moved by Councillor E. Miller,

Seconded by Councillor Hunter, and ordered,

That the Finance Committee consider the advisability of the County of Simcoe joining the Ontario Municipal Association, and that delegates be appointed to attend the Annual Convention and that their expenses be paid by the County.

Moved by Councillor Downer,

Seconded by Councillor E. Miller, and ordered,

That the Agriculture Committee consider the advisability of giving a grant of \$200.00 to each of the North and South Simcoe Crop Improvement Associations.

Moved by Councillor Woodrow,

Seconded by Councillor Richardson, and ordered,

That the Agriculture Committee consider the advisability of giving the usual grant of \$50.00 to each School Fair held in the County in 1948.

Moved by Councillor Lockhart,

Seconded by Councillor Lawrence, and ordered,

That the Agriculture Committee consider the advisability of giving a grant of

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\$200.00 to each of the North and South Simcoe Agricultural Representatives for Junior Boys and Girls work in their respective districts.

Moved by Councillor Lockhart,

Seconded by Councillor Parker, and ordered,

That the Reforestation Committee consider the advisability of passing a by-law regarding the general welfare of the County of Simcoe, to maintain and improve the forests and soil resources of the County by preserving and developing the woodlands.

Moved by Councillor Johnston,

Seconded by Councillor Woodrow, and ordered,

That the Equalization Committee consider the advisability of increasing the County Assessor's salary.

Moved by Councillor Evans,

Seconded by Councillor Benson, and ordered,

That the Public Health and Welfare Committee consider the advisability of passing a by-law to establish a Health Unit, and also the setting up of a County Board of Health.

Moved by Councillor Evans,

Seconded by Councillor Benson, and ordered,

That the Finance Committee consider the question of adjusting the salaries of all County officials.

Moved by Councillor Gowanlock,

Seconded by Councillor Bush, and ordered,

That E. W. Jones, County Engineer, be authorized to make application to the Department of Highways for the subsidy on the expenditure on the County Road System during 1947.

Moved by Councillor Bush,

Seconded by Councillor Allison, and ordered,

That the sympathy of this Council be extended to the wife of the late Dr. J. M. Mitchell, who was a member of Council in 1947.

Moved by Councillor Lockhart,

Seconded by Councillor Shepherd, and ordered,

That Councillor Patterson be granted leave of absence for the balance of the Session, due to illness.

Moved by Councillor Johnston,

Seconded by Councillor Gowanlock, and ordered,

That the Province of Ontario be urgently requested to construct a new bridge over the Trent Valley Canal at Washago, the present structure being highly dangerous because of its narrow width, as well as creating a traffic bottleneck during the summer months, which directly affects traffic on the Provincial Highway for several miles on each side of the bridge.

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Moved by Councillor Clark,

Seconded by Councillor Patton, and ordered,

That the Legislation Committee consider the advisability of setting up a Juvenile Court for the County.

Moved by Councillor Johnston,

Seconded by Councillor Richardson, and ordered,

That the Finance Committee consider the advisability of giving a grant to The Navy League of Canada.

Moved by Councillor Campbell,

Seconded by Councillor Richardson, and ordered,

That the Finance Committee consider the advisability of giving a grant to the Salvation Army.

Moved by Councillor Hunter,

Seconded by Councillor Truax, and ordered,

That leave be granted to introduce a by-law to appoint the following members to the County Road Committee: -Councillor Patton, for a term of three years,
Councillor B. Miller, for a term of two years,
Councillor Woodrow, for a term of one year,
and that the By-Law presented herewith, confirming the appointment, be read a first time.

By-Law read a first time.

Moved by Councillor Evans,

Seconded by Councillor Hunter, and ordered,

That the By-Law now read a first time be read a second time.

By-Law read a second time.

Moved by Councillor Benson,

Seconded by Councillor Clark, and ordered,

That the By-Law now read a second time be read a third time.

By-Law read a third time.

Moved by Councillor Hunter,

Seconded by Councillor Benson, and ordered,

That the By-Law now read a third time do pass, be engrossed by the Clerk, and signed and sealed by the Warden.

Moved by Councillor Reed,

Seconded by Councillor Ransom, and ordered,

That the Council adjourn until 10 A.M. Thursday.

J. D. Simpson
Clerk, County of Simcoe

H. W. Middleton
Warden, County of Simcoe

FOURTH DAY

Council Chamber, Barrie,
January 22nd, 1948.

The Council met pursuant to adjournment at Wednesday's session.

The Warden in the chair.

All the members were present

The minutes of yesterday's session were read and adopted.

The Warden presented the following communications and accounts:

Annual Report from the Registrar of Deeds, showing that the sum of \$11,612.38 would be paid to the County out of the returns from the Registry Office.

Reply from the Council of Wentworth County with regard to changing the dates for the sittings of County Courts.

D. H. Coleman, County Treasurer, presented the Warden with a gavel on behalf of W. S. McGhie of the A. E. Wilson Co., Toronto.

The Warden asked F. A. Lashley, Agricultural Representative for South Simcoe, to present a report on his work during 1947.

Mr. Lashley stated that the returns from the farms in South Simcoe last year were about the largest on record, although the net revenue was not increased owing to the greatly increased cost of machinery and other necessities that they had to purchase. The farmers in South Simcoe had obtained good results in competitions at the Canadian National Exhibition and the Royal Winter Fair, and all the livestock organizations were functioning satisfactorily. The work among the boys and girls, which was made possible by the grants from the County Council, was responsible for creating more interest in farm work among the young people. He commended the work of the County Weed Inspectors during the year; in his opinion they had made a good beginning, and he asked that the Council give their undivided support to them in their campaign to eradicate noxious weeds.

The Warden thanked Mr. Lashley for his interesting report.

The Warden then invited the County Weed Inspectors, C. D. Raikes and J. H. Dunn, to address the Council.

Mr. Raikes stated he had met the Superintendent of the Allandale division of the C.N.R., who promised to give him full co-operation in keeping the weeds cut along the right-of-ways in the County; he had also been advised that the Provincial, County and Township roads would receive more attention than they had in previous years. The County Road Committee and Engineer had been able to secure a power mower and that, together with the sprayer, should keep the weeds on the County Roads pretty well under control. Two townships in North Simcoe had already purchased power mowers, and in his opinion one sprayer could serve three townships. He requested that the Weed Essay Competition, which was so satisfactory last year, be continued this year.

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Mr. Dunn endorsed all that Mr. Raikes had said, and stated he would visit all the councils in his district and arrange for a programme for 1948.

A number of questions were asked and satisfactorily answered by the Weed Inspectors.

The Warden thanked Mr. Raikes and Mr. Dunn for their reports.

Warden Middleton requested Councillor Lockhart to introduce a representative from the Canadian Legion who wished to address the Council; he introduced Zone Commander W. Manning of Coldwater. Mr. Manning regretted if there had been any misunderstanding from a telephone call to the Council on Monday last. He requested a grant from the County towards a Building Fund, to be divided equally among all branches of the Legion in the County of Simcoe; there were 16 branches in the County.

The Warden assured Mr. Manning that his request would be carefully considered by the Council.

The Warden then said there were two deputations present, one from Flos Township and one from the Townships of Flos and Sunnidale.

P. A. Coughlin of Flos, a former member of the County Council, addressed the Council and asked that the road between the 3rd and 4th Concessions of Flos Township and the 12th Concession of Sunnidale, from Highway No. 27 in Flos to the County Road on the boundary between the Townships of Sunnidale and Nottawasaga, be taken over as part of the County Road System. He stated that at one time this road was part of the County Road System and should never have been taken off, as it was a through road for the residents of that district. Geo. G. Johnston, M.P.P. for Centre Simcoe, Bernard Stone, a Flos councillor, and Councillors Lawrence and Buie, all spoke in favour of making this addition to the County Road System.

Councillor Maw then introduced H. G. McLeaming, who presented a petition signed by a large number of people and asked that the road from Hillsdale to Elmvale be added to the County Road System, as it would make a connecting link between Medonte Township, Hillsdale, Elmvale and Wasaga Beach.

The Warden advised these deputations that their requests would be carefully considered.

C. H. Naphtali, Superintendent of the Children's Aid Society, presented his Annual Report, and went into some detail regarding their work during the past year. He produced a number of charts to make comparisons of the work of the Society in the years 1939, 1943 and 1947.

The Warden thanked Mr. Naphtali for his very detailed report.

Moved by Councillor Allison,

Seconded by Councillor Johnston, and ordered,

That the Council adjourn until 2:30 this afternoon.

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AFTERNOON SESSION

The Council resumed as per adjournment.

The Warden in the chair.

The Warden presented the report of the Grand Jury at the present sitting of the Supreme Court of Ontario.

REPORT NO. 1 -- of the Standing Committee on FINANCE was presented and read.

Moved by Councillor Brokenshire,

Seconded by Councillor Buie, and ordered,

That the Report now read be adopted.

REPORT NO. 2 -- of the Standing Committee on FINANCE was presented and read.

Moved by Councillor Cunningham,

Seconded by Councillor Eldridge, and ordered,

That the Report now read be adopted.

REPORT NO. 3 -- of the Standing Committee on FINANCE was presented and read.

Moved by Councillor Bush,

Seconded by Councillor Downer, and ordered,

That the Report now read be adopted.

REPORT NO. 4 -- of the Standing Committee on FINANCE was presented and read.

Moved by Councillor Eplett,

Seconded by Councillor Ganton, and ordered,

That the Report now read be adopted.

REPORT NO. 5 -- of the Standing Committee on FINANCE, and the accompanying By-Law, were presented and read.

Moved by Councillor Gowanlock,

Seconded by Councillor Hart, and ordered,

That the Report now read be adopted and that the By-Law presented herewith be read a first time.

By-Law read a first time.

Moved by Councillor Downer,

Seconded by Councillor Hickling, and ordered,

That the By-Law now read a first time be read a second time.

By-Law read a second time.

Moved by Councillor Johnston,

Seconded by Councillor Kinnear, and ordered,

That the By-Law now read a second time be read a third time.

By-Law read a third time.

Moved by Councillor Lockhart,

Seconded by Councillor Ransom, and ordered,

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That the By-Law now read a third time do pass, be engrossed by the Clerk, and signed and sealed by the Warden.

REPORT NO. 6 -- of the Standing Committee on FINANCE, and the accompanying By-Law, were presented and read.

Moved by Councillor Maw,

Seconded by Councillor Lilly, and ordered,

That the Report now read be adopted, and that the By-Law presented herewith be read a first time.

By-Law read a first time.

Moved by Councillor E. Miller,

Seconded by Councillor Loree, and ordered,

That the By-Law now read a first time be read a second time.

By-Law read a second time.

Moved by Councillor Patton,

Seconded by Councillor Lovering, and ordered,

That the By-Law now read a second time be read a third time.

By-Law read a third time.

Moved by Councillor Evans,

Seconded by Councillor Patton, and ordered,

That the By-Law now read a third time do pass, be engrossed by the Clerk, and signed and sealed by the Warden.

REPORT NO. 1 -- of the Standing Committee on ROADS & BRIDGES was presented and read.

Moved by Councillor Vancise,

Seconded by Councillor C. Wood, and ordered,

That the Report now read be adopted.

REPORT NO. 2 -- of the Standing Committee on ROADS & BRIDGES was presented and read.

Moved by Councillor Maw,

Seconded by Councillor Lovering, and ordered,

That the Report now read be adopted.

REPORT NO. 1 -- of the Standing Committee on EDUCATION was presented and read.

Moved by Councillor Loree,

Seconded by Councillor Patton, and ordered,

That the Report now read be adopted.

REPORT NO. 2 -- of the Standing Committee on EDUCATION was presented and read.

Moved by Councillor Turner,

Seconded by Councillor Bush, and ordered,

That the Report now read be adopted.

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REPORT NO. 3 -- of the Standing Committee on EDUCATION was presented and read.

Moved by Councillor Gowanlock,

Seconded by Councillor Taylor, and ordered,

That the Report now read be adopted.

REPORT NO. 1 -- of the Standing Committee on SIMCOE COUNTY HOME was presented and read.

Moved by Councillor Percy,

Seconded by Councillor Lilly,

That the Report now read be not adopted, but be referred back to the Committee for further consideration and report at the June Session.

REPORT NO. 2 -- of the Standing Committee on SIMCOE COUNTY HOME was presented and read.

Moved by Councillor Lilly,

Seconded by Councillor Percy, and ordered,

That the Report now read be adopted.

REPORT NO. 1 -- of the Standing Committee on EQUALIZATION, and the accompanying By-Law, were presented and read.

Moved by Councillor Johnston,

Seconded by Councillor Ganton, and ordered,

That the Report now read be adopted and that the By-Law presented herewith be read a first time.

By-Law read a first time.

Moved by Councillor Turner,

Seconded by Councillor Maurice, and ordered,

That the By-Law now read a first time be read a second time.

By-Law read a second time.

Moved by Councillor Ganton,

Seconded by Councillor Parker, and ordered,

That the By-Law now read a second time be read a third time.

By-Law read a third time.

Moved by Councillor Gowanlock,

Seconded by Councillor Campbell, and ordered,

That the By-Law now read a third time do pass, be engrossed by the Clerk, and signed and sealed by the Warden.

REPORT NO. 1 -- of the Standing Committee on AGRICULTURE was presented and read.

Moved by Councillor Richardson,

Seconded by Councillor Taylor, and ordered,

That the Report now read be adopted.

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REPORT NO. 2 -- of the Standing Committee on AGRICULTURE was presented and read.

Moved by Councillor Dowler,

Seconded by Councillor Lowering, and ordered,

That the Report now read be adopted.

Moved by Councillor C. Wood,

Seconded by Councillor Allison, and ordered,

That the Finance Committee give consideration to the request of the delegation representing the Public Hospitals in Simcoe County regarding chronically incurable patients being treated in Nursing Homes.

Moved by Councillor Johnston,

Seconded by Councillor Tudhope, and ordered,

That the Finance Committee consider appointing two auditors to the Board of Audit for the Administration of Justice Accounts of the County for the year 1948.

Moved by Councillor Clark,

Seconded by Councillor E. Miller, and ordered,

That the Finance Committee consider the advisability of making a grant to the 16 Legion posts in the County of Simcoe, to aid in their various building expansion projects.

Moved by Councillor Benson,

Seconded by Councillor Johnston, and ordered,

That the Finance Committee consider the advisability of instructing the County Treasurer to pay all grants made by the County at such times as are satisfactory to the Warden and himself or, in his absence, the Assistant Treasurer.

Moved by Councillor Tudhope,

Seconded by Councillor Johnston, and ordered,

That the Finance Committee consider the advisability of making a grant to the Special Committee re History of Simcoe County.

Moved by Councillor Turner,

Seconded by Councillor Ganton, and ordered,

That the Agriculture Committee consider the advisability of giving a grant of \$50.00 to each of the four Plowmen's Associations holding a match in 1948.

Moved by Councillor Johnston,

Seconded by Councillor Campbell, and ordered,

That the Finance Committee consider making a grant to the Children's Aid Society for 1948.

Moved by Councillor Maw,

Seconded by Councillor Hickling,

That the Agriculture Committee consider the advisability of giving a grant of \$50.00 to the Elmvale Christmas Market.

Motion lost.

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Moved by Councillor Eldridge,

Seconded by Councillor Hart, and ordered,

That the Simcoe County Home Committee consider engaging a nurse for the Home.

Moved by Councillor Shepherd,

Seconded by Councillor Eplett, and ordered,

That the Finance Committee consider rescinding the motion passed at the November Session and disassociate this Council from the support of sale of sweepstake tickets for raising funds for hospital maintenance in Canada.

Moved by Councillor Richardson,

Seconded by Councillor Reed, and ordered,

That the Agriculture Committee consider the advisability of sending a delegation to the Annual Meeting of the Ontario Plowmen's Association and inviting them to hold a match in Simcoe County in 1950.

Moved by Councillor Lawrence,

Seconded by Councillor Ransom, and ordered,

That the Agriculture Committee consider the advisability of making a grant towards the Weed Essay Competition for Grade VI and VII pupils in the Public and Separate Schools in the County.

Moved by Councillor Woodrow,

Seconded by Councillor Downer, and ordered,

That the Legislation Committee consider the advisability of prohibiting the snaring of foxes in the County of Simcoe.

Moved by Councillor Evans,

Seconded by Councillor Johnston, and ordered,

That the Equalization Committee enquire into the matter of establishing a County Court of Revision, and report at the June Session.

Moved by Councillor Morris,

Seconded by Councillor B. Miller, and ordered,

That the Clerk be instructed to forward a letter to the Council of the Town of Barrie, thanking the Mayor and Council for their thoughtfulness in supplying the County Council and officials with tickets for the hockey game between Barrie and Windsor held on Wednesday evening, January 21st.

Moved by Councillor Hunter,

Seconded by Councillor Reed, and ordered,

That Councillor W. J. Wood be appointed as the Council's representative on the Simcoe County Recreational Committee for 1948.

Moved by Councillor Parker,

Seconded by Councillor Loe, and ordered,

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That the Province of Ontario be and is herewith requested to assume as a King's Highway that part of County Road No. 12 commencing at Highway No. 9 on the boundary line between Peel and Simcoe Counties, thence running northerly between Concessions 5 and 6 of the Township of Adjala to the southerly limit of Lot 31, and also that part of the township road between Concessions 5 and 6 extending from the southerly limit of Lot 31 to Highway No. 89.

Moved by Councillor Evans,

Seconded by Councillor Shepherd, and ordered,

That the Warden appoint members to the Special Soil Conservation and Land Use Committee.

Moved by Councillor Benson,

Seconded by Councillor Gowanlock, and ordered,

That the Finance Committee consider the advisability of passing a by-law authorizing the Warden and Treasurer to borrow from the Bank of Toronto such sums of money as may be required to meet the expenditure of the County from time to time until the levies for the current year are paid.

Moved by Councillor Maw,

Seconded by Councillor Bule, and ordered,

That the Road & Bridge Committee consider the advisability of taking over as part of the County Road System that portion of road from Highway No. 27 to the townline between Sunnidale and Nottawasaga Townships, a distance of 14 miles.

Rev. G. W. Morrison, Treasurer of the County Branch of the Federation of Agriculture, explained to the Council that the balance shown in the Financial Statement as of May 31, 1947, had all been spent by the end of the year, except for a small balance of about \$100.00 in the bank. It was suggested that the Federation make their business year the same as the financial year; Mr. Morrison approved of the suggestion and said it would be brought to the attention of the Federation.

Ross Smith, Shelburne, who owns and operates power-spraying equipment, addressed the Council and informed them that he was open for contracts for 1948, and if it could be arranged that he could go from one township to the adjoining one spraying could be done more cheaply than if he had to go longer distances between jobs.

Moved by Councillor Woodrow,

Seconded by Councillor Morris, and ordered,

That the Council adjourn until 10 A.M. Friday.

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Clerk, County of Simcoe

L. Walter Maddala
Warden, County of Simcoe

FIFTH DAY

Council Chamber, Barrie,
January 23rd, 1948.

The Council met pursuant to adjournment at Thursday afternoon's session.

The Warden in the chair.

All the members were present except Councillors Patterson and W. J. Wood.

The Minutes of yesterday's session were read and adopted.

The Warden informed the members that Councillor Patterson was slightly improved since he went home, and it was no necessary for him to go to the hospital.

S. L. Page, Agricultural Representative for North Simcoe, reported on his work during 1947. He thanked the Council for their support to agriculture in the County, and stated that the services of his office were always available to residents of the County. He approved of the County's support to the County Library, Public Health and Recreation as, in his opinion, they were essential in keeping young people on the farm, and everything possible should be done to make agriculture attractive and profitable. He reported on the various agricultural activities, with special reference to Junior Farmer work.

The Warden thanked Mr. Page for his informative report.

Warden Middleton then requested A. H. Spence, Zone Forester for this County, to address the Council.

Mr. Spence spoke on the advisability of the County passing a by-law to control the cutting of timber on wood lots, and recommended that the Council pass such a by-law.

The Warden assured him that his request would be given careful consideration.

REPORT NO. 1 -- of the Standing Committee on PUBLIC HEALTH & WELFARE, and the accompanying By-Law, were presented and read.

Moved by Councillor Clark,

Seconded by Councillor Patton, and ordered,

That the Report now read be adopted and that the By-Law presented herewith be read a first time.

By-Law read a first time.

Moved by Councillor Maurice,

Seconded by Councillor Ganton, and ordered,

That the By-Law now read a first time be read a second time.

By-Law read a second time.

Moved by Councillor Campbell,

Seconded by Councillor Woodrow, and ordered,

That the By-Law now read a second time be read a third time.

By-Law read a third time.

Moved by Councillor Turner,

Seconded by Councillor Shepherd, and ordered,

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That the By-Law now read a third time do pass, be engrossed by the Clerk, and signed and sealed by the Warden.

REPORT NO. 3 -- of the Standing Committee on SIMCOE COUNTY HOME was presented and read.

Moved by Councillor Percy,

Seconded by Councillor Hunter, and ordered,

That the Report now read be adopted.

Moved by Councillor Benson,

Seconded by Councillor Johnston, and ordered,

That the Finance Committee be requested to furnish a statement of the estimated expenditures and receipts for 1948.

Moved by Councillor Maw,

Seconded by Councillor Morris, and ordered,

That the Roads and Bridges Committee consider the advisability of taking over as part of the County Road System that portion of road from Highway No. 27 at Elmvale to Hillsdale, a distance of 7 miles.

Moved by Councillor Gowanlock,

Seconded by Councillor Ransom, and ordered,

That the thanks and appreciation of this Council be hereby expressed to His Worship the Warden for the excellent banquet and entertainment provided by him last evening.

Moved by Councillor E. Miller,

Seconded by Councillor Truax, and ordered,

That Councillor W. J. Wood be granted leave of absence from to-day's session.

Moved by Councillor Benson,

Seconded by Councillor Lockhart, and ordered,

That the Council adjourn until 2:30 this afternoon.

AFTERNOON SESSION

The Council met pursuant to adjournment.

The Warden in the chair.

The Warden read a telegram from the Director of the Ontario Agricultural Council, requesting the County to take membership in that organization and appoint delegates to attend the Annual Convention.

The Inspector's Report on the Simcoe County Home at Beeton was presented and read.

Moved by Councillor Clark,

Seconded by Councillor E. Miller, and ordered,

That the Report now read be adopted.

The County Clerk's Report re OLD AGE PENSIONS was presented and read.

Moved by Councillor Gowanlock,

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Seconded by Councillor Bush, and ordered,

That the Report now read be adopted.

Moved by Councillor McIntosh,

Seconded by Councillor Allison,

Whereas it is deemed advisable that all expenditures of money by the County should be referred to and considered by one committee, therefore this Council directs that in future all grants and salary increases should be recommended by the committee concerned and referred to the Finance Committee for its consideration and report to Council.

Moved by Councillor Richardson,

Seconded by Councillor E. Miller, in amendment,

That the resolution be amended by striking out the words "grants and all expenditures".

The amendment was put and declared lost on the following division: Yeas-- Councillors Clark (2), Ganton, Gowanlock (2), Hart (2), Johnston (2), Lilly, Loree, B. Miller, E. Miller, Percy, Reed, Richardson and Tudhope (2) -- 18. Nays--Councillors Allison, Benson, Brokenshire, Buie, Bush (2), Cunningham, Downer (2), Hunter, Kinnear, Lawrence, Lockhart (2), Lovering, McIntosh, Maurice, Maw, Parker, Ransom, Shepherd, Taylor, Truax, Turner, Vancise, Widdis and C. Wood -- 27.

The original motion was then put and declared lost on the following division: Yeas--Councillors Allison, Brokenshire, Bush (2), Downer (2), Hart (2), Johnston (2), McIntosh, Maurice, Taylor (2) and Tudhope (2) -- 16. Nays--Councillors Benson, Buie, Clark (2), Cunningham, Eldridge (2), Eplett, Ganton, Gowanlock (2), Hunter, Kinnear, Lawrence, Lilly, Lockhart (2), Loree, Lovering, Maw, B. Miller, E. Miller, Parker, Percy, Ransom, Reed, Richardson, Shepherd, Truax, Turner, Vancise, Widdis and C. Wood -- 33.

Moved by Councillor Reed,

Seconded by Councillor Maw, and ordered,

That the Agriculture Committee consider the advisability of giving a grant of \$400.00 for Junior Farmers work in the County.

Moved by Councillor Lockhart,

Seconded by Councillor Parker, and ordered,

That the Reforestation Committee have a by-law prepared, limiting the cutting of trees in Simcoe County, and that the by-law be presented at this Session.

Moved by Councillor Patton,

Seconded by Councillor Woodrow, and ordered,

That the Roads and Bridges Committee consider the advisability of preparing an expenditure by-law for roads, to be submitted to the Department of Highways for the purpose of obtaining subsidy for the year 1948.

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Moved by Councillor Patton,

Seconded by Councillor B. Miller, and ordered,

That the Roads & Bridges Committee consider the advisability of recommending the amount of levy required for road purposes for the year 1948.

Moved by Councillor Johnston,

Seconded by Councillor Tudhope, and ordered,

That the Finance Committee consider the advisability of using funds from the 1947 surplus sufficient to keep the budget the same as last year.

Moved by Councillor E. Miller,

Seconded by Councillor Richardson, and ordered,

That the Warden appoint a committee to examine the bonds of all permanent employees of the County, and that they report to the Council at the next session.

Moved by Councillor Lawrence,

Seconded by Councillor Lockhart, and ordered,

That all salary and salary adjustments of County officials be considered in future by the Finance Committee and reported to the Council for approval.

Moved by Councillor Downer,

Seconded by Councillor Parker, and ordered,

That the Council adjourn until 10 A.M. Monday, January 26th.

J. Thompson
Clerk, County of Simcoe

L. Walter Middleton
Warden, County of Simcoe

SIXTH DAY

Council Chamber, Barrie,
January 26th, 1948.

The Council met pursuant to adjournment at Friday's session.

The Warden in the chair.

All the members were present except Councillors Turner, Patterson.

The minutes of Friday's session were read and adopted.

The Warden presented the following communications:

Reply from Brant County Council regarding changing the dates of the County Court sittings.

Resolution from Adjala Township Council, requesting that the 20th sideroad in that township be added to the County Road System.

The Warden announced that he would appoint Councillors Benson and Evans as a committee to examine the Compensation Bonds of County employees.

REPORT NO. 7 -- of the Standing Committee on FINANCE was presented and read.

Moved by Councillor Morris,

Seconded by Councillor Parker, and ordered,

That the Report now read be adopted.

REPORT NO. 8 -- of the Standing Committee on FINANCE was presented and read.

Moved by Councillor Pearcey,

Seconded by Councillor Ransom,

That the Report now read be adopted.

Moved by Councillor Hart,

Seconded by Councillor Taylor, in amendment,

That paragraph (b) of the brief presented to the Council by the deputation on Public Hospitals, and referred to in the second paragraph of this Report, be not now adopted but left over for further consideration at the June Session.

The amendment was put and declared carried.

The original motion was then put and declared carried as amended.

REPORT NO. 9 -- of the Standing Committee on FINANCE, and the accompanying By-Law, were presented and read.

Moved by Councillor Reed,

Seconded by Councillor Richardson, and ordered,

That the Report now read be adopted and that the By-Law presented herewith be read a first time.

By-Law read a first time.

Moved by Councillor Evans,

Seconded by Councillor Patton, and ordered,

That the By-Law now read a first time be read a second time.

By-Law read a second time.

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Moved by Councillor W. J. Wood,

Seconded by Councillor Woodrow, and ordered,

That the By-Law now read a second time be read a third time.

By-Law read a third time.

Moved by Councillor Benson,

Seconded by Councillor Hunter, and ordered,

That the By-Law now read a third time do pass, be engrossed by the Clerk, and signed and sealed by the Warden.

REPORT NO. 10 -- of the Standing Committee on FINANCE, and the accompanying By-Law, were presented and read.

Moved by Councillor Shepherd,

Seconded by Councillor Taylor, and ordered,

That the Report now read be adopted and that the By-Law presented herewith be read a first time.

By-Law read a first time.

Moved by Councillor Widdis,

Seconded by Councillor C. Wood, and ordered,

That the By-Law now read a first time be read a second time.

By-Law read a second time.

Moved by Councillor Allison,

Seconded by Councillor Buie, and ordered,

That the By-Law now read a second time be read a third time.

By-Law read a third time.

Moved by Councillor Cunningham,

Seconded by Councillor Eldridge, and ordered,

That the By-Law now read a third time do pass, be engrossed by the Clerk, and signed and sealed by the Warden.

REPORT NO. 11 -- of the Standing Committee on FINANCE was presented and read.

Moved by Councillor Tudhope,

Seconded by Councillor Truax, and ordered,

That the Report now read be adopted.

REPORT NO. 3 -- of the Standing Committee on ROADS & BRIDGES was presented and read.

Moved by Councillor B. Miller,

Seconded by Councillor Woodrow, and ordered,

That the Report now read be adopted.

REPORT NO. 1 -- of the Standing Committee on PRINTING was presented and read.

Moved by Councillor E. Miller,

Seconded by Councillor Lovering, and ordered,

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That the Report now read be adopted.

REPORT NO. 1 -- of the Standing Committee on LEGISLATION was presented and read.

Moved by Councillor Richardson,

Seconded by Councillor Parker,

That the Report now read be adopted.

Moved by Councillor Bush,

Seconded by Councillor Allison, in amendment,

That in the first paragraph of the Report all the words be struck out after the word "necessary".

The amendment was put and declared lost.

Moved by Councillor Truax,

Seconded by Councillor W. J. Wood, in further amendment,

That no action be taken until the June Session with regard to prohibiting the setting of snares for foxes.

This amendment was put and also declared lost.

The original motion was then put and declared carried.

REPORT NO. 3 -- of the Standing Committee on AGRICULTURE was presented and read.

Moved by Councillor Maw,

Seconded by Councillor Ransom, and ordered,

That the Report now read be adopted.

REPORT NO. 4 -- of the Standing Committee on AGRICULTURE was presented and read.

Moved by Councillor Lawrence,

Seconded by Councillor Lockhart, and ordered,

That the Report now read be adopted.

The Annual Report of the Local MOTHERS ALLOWANCES Board was presented and read.

Moved by Councillor Evans,

Seconded by Councillor Lilly, and ordered,

That the Report now read be adopted.

The County Clerk's Report re LICENSES was presented and read.

Moved by Councillor Evans,

Seconded by Councillor Campbell, and ordered,

That the Report now read be adopted.

REPORT NO. 4 -- of the Standing Committee on SIMCOE COUNTY HOME was presented and read.

Moved by Councillor Lilly,

Seconded by Councillor Percy, and ordered,

That the Report now read be adopted.

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Moved by Councillor Hunter,

Seconded by Councillor Benson, and ordered,

That leave be granted to introduce a by-law to appoint two members who, with the Warden, shall be a Board of Management for the Simcoe County Home for 1948, and that the By-Law presented herewith be read a first time.

By-Law read a first time.

Moved by Councillor Hunter,

Seconded by Councillor Reed, and ordered,

That the By-Law now read a first time be read a second time.

By-Law read a second time.

Moved by Councillor Patton,

Seconded by Councillor Gowanlock, and ordered,

That the By-Law now read a second time be read a third time.

By-Law read a third time.

Moved by Councillor E. Miller,

Seconded by Councillor Richardson, and ordered,

That the By-Law now read a third time do pass, be engrossed by the Clerk, and signed and sealed by the Warden.

P. H. Fisher, Treasurer of the Children's Aid Society, appeared before the Council and informed them that their budget for 1948 amounted to \$81,000 and requested that the suggested appropriation of \$75,000 be increased to at least \$80,000. He stated that on account of the increased cost of living the Boarding Mothers had requested an increase of 10¢ in their per diem maintenance rate, which would amount to \$6,500 for the year. Under the Children's Protection Act there was certain work that the Society must do, but there was other protective work which, in his opinion, was almost as necessary as the compulsory work, and he trusted the Council would provide sufficient funds to continue it.

The Warden thanked Mr. Fisher for his remarks.

Moved by Councillor Taylor,

Seconded by Councillor Widdis, and ordered,

That the Agriculture Committee consider the advisability of increasing the per diem of the County Weed Inspectors.

Moved by Councillor Patton,

Seconded by Councillor Woodrow, and ordered,

That the Roads and Bridges Committee consider the advisability of placing the road liability insurance for the year 1948.

Moved by Councillor Gowanlock,

Seconded by Councillor Bush, and ordered,

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That the County Property Committee be instructed to have the loud speaker system put in working order, if possible, before the June Session.

Moved by Councillor Johnston,

Seconded by Councillor Tudhope, and ordered,

That the Warden appoint a committee to investigate section (b) of the hospital brief, and bring in a report at the June Session.

Moved by Councillor Johnston,

Seconded by Councillor Allison,

That in order to comply with the mandatory legal requirements of Section 316 of The Municipal Act, as amended in 1944, this Council authorize an appropriation of Fifty Thousand Dollars (\$50,000) from current surplus for the purpose of reducing the amount of the proposed 1948 County Levy, and thus give the County a budget which reasonably meets the legal provisions of The Municipal Act for setting up the estimates.

The motion was put and declared lost on the following division: Yeas--Councillors Allison, Johnston (2) and Tudhope (2)--5. Nays--Councillors Benson, Brokenshire, Buie, Bush (2), Campbell, Cunningham, Downer (2), Eldridge(2), Eplett, Evans, Ganton, Gowanlock(2), Hart (2), Hickling, Hunter, Kinnear, Lawrence, Lilly, Lockhart (2), Loree, Lovering, Mac Intosh, Maurice, Maw, B. Miller, Morris, Parker, Patton (2), Percy, Ransom, Reed, Richardson, Shepherd, Taylor (2), Truax, Vancise, Widdis, C. Wood, W. J. Wood and Woodrow--48.

Moved by Councillor Truax,

Seconded by Councillor Evans, and ordered,

That the Finance Committee consider the advisability of increasing the appropriation to the Children's Aid Society for 1948 by \$5,000, making a total appropriation of \$80,000.

The report of the Committee appointed to examine the Compensation Bonds on County employees was presented and read.

Moved by Councillor Evans,

Seconded by Councillor Benson, and ordered,

That the Report now read be adopted.

Moved by Councillor E. Miller,

Seconded by Councillor Reed, and ordered,

That the Council adjourn until 10 A.M. Tuesday.

J. Simpson
.....
Clerk, County of Simcoe

L. Walter Middleton
.....
Warden, County of Simcoe

SEVENTH DAY

Council Chamber, Barrie,
January 27th, 1948.

The Council met pursuant to adjournment at yesterday's session.

The Warden in the chair.

All the members were present except Councillors Turner and Patterson.

The minutes of yesterday's session were read and adopted.

The Warden announced that earlier in the Session he had been requested to appoint a Soil Conservation and Land Use Committee for 1948, and he was appointing the following members as such Committee: Councillors Hickling, Turner, Reed and Evans, S. L. Page, F. A. Lashley, J. F. Simmons (Reforestry Zone Representative), E. W. Jones and J. T. Simpson.

REPORT NO. 12 -- of the Standing Committee on FINANCE was presented and read.

Moved by Councillor MacIntosh,

Seconded by Councillor Morris, and ordered,

That the Report now read be adopted.

The Warden then asked the County Assessor to address the Council on county equalization.

Assessor Simpson called the attention of the Council to a chart which showed the proportion of the County Levy that was paid by the various municipalities since 1932, and stated that in these last years some municipalities had very little change in their assessment while others, including the larger towns and municipalities with shore property, had a very substantial increase in their taxable property. He was glad to know that the Council had instructed the Equalization Committee to enquire into and report at the June Session on the advisability of appointing a County Court of Revision. He suggested that each local council obtain a list of the transfers of property in their respective municipalities from the Registry Office, as such lists were very useful to assessors in their work. He also suggested that the County might undertake to obtain these lists as part of its work. Some criticism was made by certain members of Council and assessors that Section 57 of The Assessment Act was not correct and should be changed, but Mr. Simpson pointed out that these provisions were in force at the present time and both councils and assessors had to comply with them. At present 15 municipalities had either completed their assessment under the new system or were in the process of completion; seven had completed the new assessment and four municipalities had been completed for the second year. There were very few appeals against the assessment in these municipalities, which showed that the property owners were satisfied with their valuations. He explained to the Council how the field sheets and records were used, and how the valuations were arrived at. Great care should be taken in appointing capable assessors although, in some municipalities, it was difficult to secure a satisfactory person; he also suggested that councils keep in

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close touch with the assessor's work. In his opinion, all assessors in the County should be members of the Assessors Association of Ontario, which was organized some six or seven years ago, and all should attend the Conventions as a great deal of information is imparted and can be learned at these meetings.

A number of questions were asked and answers given by the County Assessor.

The Warden thanked Mr. Simpson for his report.

Councillor Hunter enquired if the members of the County Library Board should receive any remuneration for attending meetings of the Board.

Moved by Councillor Benson,

Seconded by Councillor Lockhart, and ordered,

That the Finance Committee consider the advisability of introducing a by-law to raise the sum of \$270,332 for the necessary expenditure of the County for 1948.

Moved by Councillor Hunter,

Seconded by Councillor Reed, and ordered,

That the Council adjourn until 3 P.M.

AFTERNOON SESSION

The Council resumed as per adjournment.

The Warden in the chair.

REPORT NO. 13 -- of the Standing Committee on FINANCE, and the accompanying By-Law, were presented and read.

Moved by Councillor Richardson,

Seconded by Councillor Gowanlock, and ordered,

That the Report now read be adopted and that the By-Law presented herewith be read a first time.

By-Law read a first time.

Moved by Councillor Evans,

Seconded by Councillor Bush, and ordered,

That the By-Law now read a first time be read a second time.

By-Law read a second time.

Moved by Councillor Loree,

Seconded by Councillor Tuohope, and ordered,

That the By-Law now read a second time be read a third time.

By-Law read a third time.

Moved by Councillor Shepherd,

Seconded by Councillor Hunter, and ordered,

That the By-Law now read a third time do pass, be engrossed by the Clerk, and signed and sealed by the Warden.

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REPORT NO. 4 -- of the Standing Committee on ROADS & BRIDGES, and the accompanying By-Law, were presented and read.

Moved by Councillor B. Miller,

Seconded by Councillor Ganton, and ordered,

That the Report now read be adopted and that the By-Law presented herewith be read a first time.

By-Law read a first time.

Moved by Councillor Vancise,

Seconded by Councillor Shepherd, and ordered,

That the By-Law now read a first time be read a second time.

By-Law read a second time.

Moved by Councillor Loree,

Seconded by Councillor Maw, and ordered,

That the By-Law now read a second time be read a third time.

By-Law read a third time.

Moved by Councillor Patton,

Seconded by Councillor Woodrow, and ordered,

That the By-Law now read a third time do pass, be engrossed by the Clerk, and signed and sealed by the Warden.

REPORT NO. 5 -- of the Standing Committee on ROADS & BRIDGES, and the accompanying By-Law, were presented and read.

Moved by Councillor Woodrow,

Seconded by Councillor E. Miller, and ordered,

That the Report now read be adopted and that the By-Law presented herewith be read a first time.

By-Law read a first time.

Moved by Councillor W. J. Wood,

Seconded by Councillor Hickling, and ordered,

That the By-Law now read a first time be read a second time.

By-Law read a second time.

Moved by Councillor Evans,

Seconded by Councillor Reed, and ordered,

That the By-Law now read a second time be read a third time.

By-Law read a third time.

Moved by Councillor Patton,

Seconded by Councillor B. Miller, and ordered,

That the By-Law now read a third time do pass, be engrossed by the Clerk, and signed and sealed by the Warden.

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REPORT NO. 6 -- of the Standing Committee on ROADS & BRIDGES was presented and read.

Moved by Councillor Shepherd,

Seconded by Councillor C. Wood, and ordered,

That the Report now read be adopted.

REPORT NO. 1 -- of the Standing Committee on COUNTY PROPERTY was presented and read.

Moved by Councillor Lockhart,

Seconded by Councillor Richardson, and ordered,

That the Report now read be adopted.

REPORT NO. 4 -- of the Standing Committee on EDUCATION was presented and read.

Moved by Councillor Ransom,

Seconded by Councillor Reed, and ordered,

That the Report now read be adopted.

REPORT NO. 1 -- of the Standing Committee on REFORESTATION was presented and read.

Moved by Councillor Lockhart,

Seconded by Councillor Widdis, and ordered,

That the Report now read be adopted.

REPORT NO. 5 -- of the Standing Committee on AGRICULTURE, and the accompanying By-Law, were presented and read.

Moved by Councillor Reed,

Seconded by Councillor Maw, and ordered,

That the Report now read be adopted. and that the By-Law presented herewith be read a first time.

By-Law read a first time.

Moved by Councillor W. J. Wood,

Seconded by Councillor Ganton, and ordered,

That the By-Law now read a first time be read a second time.

By-Law read a second time.

Moved by Councillor Tudhope,

Seconded by Councillor Ransom, and ordered,

That the By-Law now read a second time be read a third time.

By-Law read a third time.

Moved by Councillor Woodrow,

Seconded by Councillor Loree, and ordered,

That the By-Law now read a third time do pass, be engrossed by the Clerk, and signed and sealed by the Warden.

Moved by Councillor Shepherd,

Seconded by Councillor Hunter, and ordered,

That Councillor Evans be appointed to the Special Committee re County Health Unit until such time as Councillor Patterson is able to resume his duties on this Committee.

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The Warden appointed Councillors C. Wood, Johnston and Downer as a committee to investigate section (b) of the brief presented by the deputation re Public Hospitals and to report at the June Session.

Moved by Councillor Richardson,

Seconded by Councillor E. Miller, and ordered,

That Councillors Morris and Kinnear be appointed members of the County Recreational Committee.

Moved by Councillor Richardson,

Seconded by Councillor Gowanlock, and ordered,

Whereas the sittings of the Courts of General Sessions of the Peace and of the County Court for the trial of issues of fact, etc., with and without a jury, are held pursuant to statute in the County of Simcoe on the first Monday in December in each year,

And whereas this date does from time to time conflict with the sitting of the County Council and of the Supreme Court of Ontario, resulting in overcrowding and inconvenience,

And whereas the weather at this time is frequently inclement, resulting in further inconvenience to litigants, witnesses and jurymen,

We therefore request the Legislature of the Province of Ontario to amend the statutes concerned so that the above sittings shall commence on the first Monday in November instead of the first Monday of December in each year.

Moved by Councillor Richardson,

Seconded by Councillor E. Miller, and ordered,

Whereas this Council has passed a motion instructing the Chairman of the Legislation Committee to recommend a Special Committee to investigate the advisability of setting up a Juvenile and Family Court in the County and to report at the June Session, it is recommended that the following be appointed as such Committee:- Councillors Richardson, Chairman of the Legislation Committee, MacIntosh, Allison, Johnston and Truax and County Clerk J. T. Simpson.

Moved by Councillor Hunter,

Seconded by Councillor Benson, and ordered,

Whereas the members of this County Council here assembled realize the importance of the care of the neglected youth of our County,

And whereas we also recognize the very increased cost to the ratepayers of this County for the care and management of these children under the Children's Aid Society,

And whereas the Government of Ontario dictates the policies of the Children's Aid Society, yet contributes a very small amount towards the cost of same,

Be it therefore resolved that the Government of the Province of Ontario be

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requested to make a grant of approximately 50% of the annual expenditure of our Children's Aid Society,

And that the Clerk be authorized to send a copy of this resolution to the Minister in charge and to each representative of the Government in Simcoe County.

Moved by Councillor Shepherd,

Seconded by Councillor Benson, and ordered,

That the Clerk be instructed to write to Councillor Patterson, Ex-Warden of this County, expressing our sincere sympathy in his present illness and best wishes for a speedy recovery of good health.

Moved by Councillor Benson,

Seconded by Councillor Hunter, and ordered,

That the position now held by J. R. Coleman, and known as Assistant Treasurer, be changed to that of Deputy Treasurer.

Moved by Councillor Woodrow,

Seconded by Councillor Campbell, and ordered,

That a Committee, composed of Councillors Woodrow, Richardson, E. Miller and Patterson, be appointed to complete the arrangements for the improvement of the old coloured church in Oro Township.

The Warden thanked the Council for their support and co-operation during the Session, and trusted they would have satisfactory conditions in their own businesses during the recess.

Moved by Councillor E. Miller,

Seconded by Councillor Reed, and ordered,

That we do now adjourn until June 14, 1948, at 2 P.M.

J. Simpson
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Clerk, County of Simcoe

L. Walter Middleton
Warden, County of Simcoe

M I N U T E S
OF THE JUNE SESSION, 1948, OF THE
MUNICIPAL COUNCIL OF THE
COUNTY OF SIMCOE

FIRST DAY

Council Chamber, Barrie,
June 14th, 1948.

The Council met pursuant to adjournment at the January Session.

The Warden in the chair.

All the members were present

The minutes of the January Session, having been printed and distributed, were taken as read.

In addressing the Council the Warden welcomed the members to the June Session.

He referred to the death, in April, of Councillor J. H. Pearcy, Reeve of Tottenham, who was Chairman of the Board of Management of the Simcoe County Home. Mr. Pearcy was a valued member of the Council and his death is a distinct loss to his own municipality and to the whole County.

Since the January Session Councillors Benson, Patterson and Kinnear each suffered a serious illness, but he was glad to report they had fully recovered and are again enjoying good health.

Various Special Committees were appointed at the January Session, and they would present reports for the consideration of the Council.

Several municipalities had written to the County Clerk, requesting that the \$176,000 in Victory Bonds held by the County be sold and distributed pro rata among the various municipalities. These requests would have to be considered by the Council.

He mentioned the fact that this year the Treasurer was completing 25 years of service to the County.

He had accompanied the County Engineer and Road Committee on a tour of inspection of the County Roads and found that they had come through the spring season in fairly good condition and at the present were being treated with tar and calcium to as great an extent as the available supply would permit.

The County Health Unit was being organized, with Dr. P. A. Scott as Chief Medical Officer, and he would address the Council later in the Session.

He also stated that Miss Louise Colley, Director of Recreation in the County, would address the Council at the present sitting.

At the Annual Convention of the Ontario Plowmen's Association it was decided to hold the Provincial Plowing Match in Simcoe County in 1950, and the site would probably be at the former airport in Tecumseth Township.